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Overview

7.1 The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development is responsible for the implementation of the programme of work under this section.

7.2 During the biennium 1998-1999, the focus of the work programme will be to provide integrated support for the central coordinating and policy-making functions vested in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as for the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly; to facilitate and promote enhanced policy coordination and greater cooperation and collaboration among the organizations of the United Nations system in the economic and social areas, particularly through the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary bodies. In that context, the Department concentrates on:

(a) Policy development, integrating the economic, social, environmental and gender dimensions of major policy issues in the economic, social and related fields including poverty;

(b) Monitoring the implementation of Agenda 21;

(c) Assisting the Secretary-General in the exercise of his responsibilities for system-wide coordination and assisting him, along with other organizational entities, in ensuring policy coherence, coordination and efficient management in the economic and social sectors within the United Nations proper;

(d) Providing substantive support to the follow-up to global conferences and programmes such as the programmes for the least developed countries, the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women;

(e) Providing technical secretariat services to intergovernmental bodies in the economic and social fields.

7.3 In the areas of sustainable development, new and renewable sources of energy and energy for development, social development and the advancement of women, the Department is the principal substantive secretariat within the United Nations for the relevant intergovernmental and inter-agency processes.

7.4 In 1998-1999, the Department will continue to focus on promoting an integrated approach to economic, social, environmental and gender aspects of development, including the elaboration of perspectives that will provide for sustainable, equitable and participatory development. It will develop and promote a coordinated approach to key policy issues in the fields of sustainable and social development, including poverty, the advancement of women and integration into the development process of all social groups. In this context all activities related to gender issues and advancement of women have been consolidated within this section under the responsibility of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women. The Department will also provide support to the intergovernmental processes that will review the implementation of the programmes of action adopted by relevant global conferences,

as well as the programmes of activities relating to Africa and the least developed countries, with the overall objective of ensuring a coordinated and integrated follow-up.

7.5 The Department will provide substantive support and technical secretariat services to the Commission on Sustainable Development, the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, the Commission for Social Development, which in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/7 of 22 July 1996 will hold annual sessions with an increased membership, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources and, at the inter-agency level, to the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its Organizational Committee, the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and other subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination dealing with both operational and programme questions. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996, the Department will also continue in 1998 its substantive responsibility in assisting the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa.

7.6 Special emphasis will also be placed on improving services to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which from 1997 onwards will hold two regular sessions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/68 of 12 December 1996, as well as improving the monitoring of the extent of women's enjoyment of their human rights and whether violations of those rights are dealt with by all human rights mechanisms.

7.7 Activities under programme 6, Africa: New Agenda for Development, which are under the responsibility of the Department, are presented separately under section 8, in line with the provisions of section V of General Assembly resolution 49/219 of 23 December 1994.

7.8 The resource level proposed for the Department under section 7 reflects an increase of resources against those appropriated for the biennium 1996-1997 in the amount of $1,198,900, or 2.8 per cent. This growth represents the combined effect of the application of new standardized vacancy rates and of the following: (a) increases for travel of representatives as a result of the enlargement of the membership of the Commission for Social Development and the annualization of its sessions, as well as the doubling of the number of annual sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council mentioned above; (b) delayed impact of the new posts established under the programme in the biennium 1996-1997 (one P-5 and two P-4 posts under subprogramme 2, Advancement of women, and one P-4 post under subprogramme 4, Sustainable development); (c) redeployment from this section of one D-2 level post to section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and management, in exchange for one Assistant Secretary-General level post for the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women; (d) the proposed establishment of one P-5, one P-4 and one General Service posts to strengthen the office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women; (e) the discontinuation as of 31 December 1998 of the resources related to subprogramme 5, Combating desertification, particularly in Africa, of section 7, including one D-2, one D-1, one P-5, three P-4/3 and five General Service posts (pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/180); and (f) the proposed abolition of seven General Service posts in the Department (one in executive direction and management; three under programme of work, and three under programme support).

7.9 The extrabudgetary resources under this section relate to activities in substantive areas of the Department's responsibilities. In part, those resources would be utilized for financing posts to undertake substantive activities.

7.10 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of the Department would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	6.6	—
B.	Executive direction and management	7.1	—
C.	Programme of work	79.4	94.9
D.	Programme support	6.9	5.1
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

7.11 The distribution of the resources under the section is described in detail in tables 7.1 to 7.3 below.

Table 7.1 **Summary of requirements by component**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) ***Regular budget***

Component		*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
				Amount	*Percentage*			
A.	Policy-making organs	5 540.5	2 517.6	337.4	13.4	2 855.0	162.4	3 017.4
B.	Executive direction and management	2 028.6	3 014.0	78.6	2.6	3 092.6	168.4	3 261.0
C.	Programme of work	35 285.0	33 425.7	799.8	2.3	34 225.5	2 043.8	36 269.3
D.	Programme support	2 724.4	2 981.0	(16.9)	(0.5)	2 964.1	182.3	3 146.4
	Total	**45 578.5**	**41 938.3**	**1 198.9**	**2.8**	**43 137.2**	**2 556.9**	**45 694.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
217.8	706.4	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	650.6
		(b) Substantive activities	
1 339.5	236.0	Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	105.0
1 289.7	3 925.6	Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development	2 135.0
148.0	357.0	United Nations Trust Fund for Case-Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System	245.0
607.3	230.0	United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities	152.0
20.0	116.3	United Nations Youth Fund	122.1
113.5	60.9	Trust Fund for the Ageing	80.0
674.6	959.8	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	840.4
3 129.3	9 139.6	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	7 260.9
1 128.7	2 701.6	Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Affected by Desertification and Drought, in particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	597.0
4 377.9	946.5	Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action	550.0
		(c) Operational projects	
498.5	229.5	UNFPA	—
13 544.8	**19 609.2**	**Total**	**12 738.0**
59 123.3	**61 547.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**58 432.1**

Table 7.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	34 984.8	34 659.7	1 333.7	3.8	35 993.4	2 213.2	38 206.6
Other staff costs	3 110.4	351.9	22.3	6.3	374.2	21.7	395.9
Non-staff compensation	—	142.0	—	—	142.0	—	142.0
Consultants and experts	1 274.7	1 466.9	(233.8)	(15.9)	1 233.1	51.5	1 284.6
Travel	3 416.0	3 468.6	175.2	5.0	3 643.8	205.6	3 849.4
Contractual services	321.1	185.4	(71.0)	(38.2)	114.4	6.8	121.2
General operating expenses	1 350.7	728.9	(19.4)	(2.6)	709.5	36.5	746.0
Hospitality	30.8	12.3	(0.5)	(4.0)	11.8	0.4	12.2
Supplies and materials	187.0	98.5	(7.4)	(7.5)	91.1	4.6	95.7
Furniture and equipment	246.5	298.9	(10.3)	(3.4)	288.6	16.6	305.2
Grants and contributions	656.5	525.2	10.1	1.9	535.3	—	535.3
Total	**45 578.5**	**41 938.3**	**1 198.9**	**2.8**	**43 137.2**	**2 556.9**	**45 694.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1998-1999 estimates*
1 125.7	751.5	Posts	2 585.4
2 673.0	3 927.5	Other staff costs	1 205.9
1 721.7	2 996.7	Consultants and experts	2 530.0
4 992.9	6 094.2	Travel	2 236.0
586.2	742.2	Contractual services	304.4
211.2	238.8	General operating expenses	162.6
1.5	36.6	Supplies and materials	17.6
78.6	159.0	Furniture and equipment	91.0
1 760.9	4 646.1	Grants and contributions	3 535.1
393.1	16.6	Other	70.0
13 544.8	**19 609.2**	**Total**	**12 738.0**
59 123.3	**61 547.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**58 432.1**

Table 7.3 **Post requirements**[a]

Organizational unit: Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
ASG	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
D-2	5	3	—	—	—	—	5	3
D-1	14	13	—	—	2	3	16	16
P-5	28	28	—	—	2	2	30	30
P-4/3	53	51	—	—	2	2	55	53
P-2/1	16	16	—	—	11	11	27	27
Total	**117**	**113**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**18**	**134**	**131**
General Service category								
Principal level	8	8	—	—	—	1	8	9
Other levels	86	75	—	—	5	5	91	80
Total	**94**	**83**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**6**	**99**	**89**
Grand total	**211**	**196**	**—**	**—**	**22**	**24**	**233**	**220**

[a] In addition, two gratis personnel on non-reimbursable loan have been contributed at the following level for the biennium 1996-1997: one P-5 and one P-4/3. It is anticipated that in the biennium 1998-1999, the same number and grade of gratis personnel will be contributed.

A. Policy-making organs

Table 7.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Commission on Sustainable Development	316.7	858.7	(54.9)	(6.3)	803.8	48.1	851.9
Commission for Social Development	41.8	102.6	48.4	47.1	151.0	9.0	160.0
Commission on the Status of Women	218.5	204.0	(29.1)	(14.2)	174.9	10.5	185.4
Committee for Development Planning	78.6	280.6	—	—	280.6	16.8	297.4
Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development	147.0	109.5	—	—	109.5	6.6	116.1
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	542.9	620.4	373.0	60.1	993.4	50.9	1 044.3
High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development	176.8	341.8	—	—	341.8	20.5	362.3
1994 Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	357.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
World Summit for Social Development	1 771.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
1995 World Conference on Women and Development	1 888.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**5 540.5**	**2 517.6**	**337.4**	**13.4**	**2 855.0**	**162.4**	**3 017.4**

7.12 The standing intergovernmental organs and expert bodies for the servicing of which the Department will assume responsibility under its mandate, and the related resources are as follows:

(a) Commission on Sustainable Development

7.13 The Commission on Sustainable Development was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by Council decision 1993/207 of 12 February 1993. Its functions are set out in General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992. The Commission is composed of 53 members elected for terms of office of three years, meets annually for a period of two to three weeks and receives substantive and technical services from the Department. The Commission reports to the Economic and Social Council and provides recommendations to the General Assembly through the Council. The Commission has a practice of establishing two ad hoc open-ended inter-sessional working groups that meet once a year for a period of one working week to deal with issues determined by the Commission.

(b) Commission for Social Development

7.14 The Social Commission was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council by Council resolution 10 (II) of 21 June 1946. As a result of a comprehensive reappraisal of the role of the Commission, the Council, in its resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, renamed it the Commission for Social Development to clarify its role as a preparatory body of the Council for the entire range of social development policy. Following the convening of the World Summit for Social Development in 1995, the Council, by its resolution 1995/60 of 28 July 1995, decided that the Commission should review, on a periodic basis, issues related to the follow-up and implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action adopted by the Summit. The Council also decided that the Commission should review its mandate, terms of reference and scope of work, to elaborate its multi-year programme of work, and to review the frequency of its meetings in the light of its responsibility for the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the Summit. By its resolution 1996/7, the Council decided to expand the membership of the Commission from 32 to 46, and to annualize its sessions, each session being for a period of eight working days. The Council also decided to invite experts to participate in the meetings of the Commission when priority subjects addressed in the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action were under discussion.

(c) Commission on the Status of Women

7.15 The 45-member Commission on the Status of Women reports to the Economic and Social Council on matters concerning the promotion of women's rights in the political, economic, social and educational fields and makes recommendations to the Council on problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights. It meets annually in New York for 10 working days. Its sessions bring together observers both from within and outside the United Nations system.

7.16 The Commission has a central role within the United Nations system in monitoring the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action and advising the Council thereon in accordance with its strengthened mandate (Council resolution 1996/6 of 22 July 1996).

7.17 The Commission has established an open-ended working group responsible for the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which meets in parallel to the Commission.

(d) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

7.18 The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established in accordance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to review reports of States parties submitted in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and to formulate suggestions and general recommendations. It reports annually through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly. Starting in 1997, the 23-member Committee will hold two regular annual sessions in New York of 15 working days each, preceded by a five-day pre-session working group.

(e) Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

7.19 The Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development was established by the Economic and Social Council by its decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992. Its terms of

reference were set out by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992. The Committee is composed of 24 government-nominated experts, acting in their personal capacity, elected by the Council for terms of office of four years. The Committee meets biennially for two weeks.

(f) Committee for Development Planning

7.20 The Committee for Development Planning was established by the Economic and Social Council by its resolution 1035 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964. Its terms of reference were approved by the Council in its resolution 1079 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 and reconfirmed by the Council in its decision 1995/215 of 10 February 1995. The Committee is composed of 24 members, serving in their individual capacity, who are appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Secretary-General for terms of office of three years. The Committee meets annually for a period of eight working days. The Committee establishes working groups that meet inter-sessionally to prepare for the annual meeting of the Committee.

(g) High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development

7.21 The High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/191. The Board is an expert body consisting of 21 eminent members serving in their individual capacity. The broad terms of reference of the Board are set out in resolution 47/191. The Board meets semi-annually for a period of three working days. Under the terms of Assembly resolution 49/111 of 19 December 1994, the members of the Board would also participate in sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development and its inter-sessional working group meetings.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Travel

7.22 The provision of $803,800 would cover the travel related costs of the members of the Commission on Sustainable Development to attend its annual sessions as well as those of the two ad hoc open-ended inter-sessional working groups.

7.23 A provision in the amount of $151,000 would be required for the travel of members of the Commission for Social Development to the annual sessions. The increase of $48,400, based on the pattern of past expenditure, relates to the increased membership of the Commission and annualization of its sessions.

7.24 The estimated requirements of $174,900 relate to travel costs for the members of the Commission on the Status of Women to attend its annual sessions.

7.25 The proposed requirements of $851,400 would cover the travel and subsistence costs of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the travel costs for the Chairperson or her/his representative to attend meetings of other United Nations organs dealing with women's rights, as well as meetings of treaty bodies dealing with human rights. The increase of $373,000 is proposed in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/68 of 12 December 1996 whereby the Committee would hold two annual sessions, each preceded by a pre-session working group.

7.26 An amount of $109,500 is proposed for travel costs of the members of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development to attend its biennial sessions.

7.27 An amount of $280,600 is proposed for travel and subsistence costs of the members to attend the Committee on Development Planning and its working groups' meetings.

7.28 The estimated requirements of $341,800 relate to the payment of travel and subsistence expenses of the members attending the sessions of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development.

Contractual services

7.29 The estimated requirements of $142,000 relate to the provision of honoraria payments to the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women under the terms of the Convention.

B. Executive direction and management

Table 7.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 427.5	2 457.9	84.9	3.4	2 542.8	159.4	2 702.2
Travel	101.1	157.1	(6.3)	(4.0)	150.8	9.0	159.8
Grants and contributions	500.0	399.0	—	—	399.0	—	399.0
Total	**2 028.6**	**3 014.0**	**78.6**	**2.6**	**3 092.6**	**168.4**	**3 261.0**

Table 7.6 **Post requirements**

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	7	6	—	—	—	—	7	6
Total	**8**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**7**
Grand total	**15**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**14**

7.30 The Under-Secretary-General provides overall direction, supervision and management of the Department in the implementation of its approved programme of work, in particular by ensuring coherence and consistency of focus in the Department's work and an integrated approach to economic, social and environmental aspects of development.

7.31 The activities of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development include the provision of policy advice to Member States and the Secretary-General on policy development issues; coordination of work within the Department and with the United Nations entities in areas of mutual concern; and support of external relations and contacts with Governments and

intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations involved in intergovernmental processes serviced by the Department.

7.32 In the context of external relations, the Department will continue to collaborate as required with the Joint United Nations Information Committee and maintain close contacts with the Non-Governmental Liaison Service.

7.33 The Information Support Unit, under the overall guidance and supervision of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, provides electronic information support to intergovernmental organs in the economic and social fields serviced by the Department and also contributes to policy and standard setting in electronic information activities at the inter-agency level.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7.34 Estimated requirements relate to the cost of posts indicated in table 7.6 above for the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, which include provisions for the Information Support Unit. It is proposed to abolish one General Service post, which has become redundant following a review of the support staff functions carried out in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General.

Travel

7.35 An estimated provision of $150,800 would be required for attendance by the Under-Secretary-General and his immediate staff at meetings of United Nations bodies and consultations with Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, and for representation by the Under-Secretary-General on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Grants and contributions

7.36 The requested amount of $399,000 relates to the contribution of the United Nations to the financing of the activities of the Non-Governmental Liaison Service.

C. Programme of work

Table 7.7 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
1. Policy coordination and inter-agency cooperation	11 948.7	10 332.6	465.5	4.5	10 798.1	689.4	11 487.5
2. Advancement of women	2 990.2	4 298.9	1 209.4	28.1	5 508.3	370.1	5 878.4
3. Social development	6 311.0	6 773.2	339.6	5.0	7 112.8	461.2	7 574.0
4. Sustainable development	6 879.7	8 361.7	602.5	7.2	8 964.2	577.9	9 542.1
5. Combating desertification, particularly in Africa	4 278.5	3 659.3	(1 817.2)	(49.6)	1 842.1	(54.8)	1 787.3
6. Protection of global climate	2 876.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**35 285.0**	**33 425.7**	**799.8**	**2.3**	**34 225.5**	**2 043.8**	**36 269.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
1 339.5	236.0	Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	105.0
1 289.7	3 925.6	Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development	2 135.0
148.0	357.0	United Nations Trust Fund for Case-Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System	245.0
607.3	230.0	United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities	152.0
20.0	116.3	United Nations Youth Fund	122.1
113.5	60.9	Trust Fund for the Ageing	80.0
674.6	959.8	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	840.4
3 129.3	9 139.6	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	7 260.9
1 128.7	2 701.6	Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Affected by Desertification and Drought, in particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	597.0
4 377.9	946.5	Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action	550.0
		(c) Operational projects	
498.5	229.5	UNFPA	—
13 327.0	**18 902.8**	**Total**	**12 087.4**
48 612.0	**52 328.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**48 356.7**

Table 7.8 **Post requirements**[a]

Programme of work

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
ASG	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
D-2	5	3	—	—	—	—	5	3
D-1	13	12	—	—	2	3	15	15
P-5	25	25	—	—	2	2	27	27
P-4/3	49	47	—	—	2	2	51	49
P-2/1	15	15	—	—	11	11	26	26
Total	**107**	**103**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**18**	**124**	**121**
General Service category								
Principal level	5	5	—	—	—	1	5	6
Other levels	69	62	—	—	3	3	72	65
Total	**74**	**67**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**4**	**77**	**71**
Grand total	**181**	**170**	**—**	**—**	**20**	**22**	**201**	**192**

[a] In addition, two gratis personnel on non-reimbursable loan have been contributed at the following levels for the biennium 1996-1997: one P-5 and one P-4/3. It is anticipated that in the biennium 1998-1999, the same number and grade of gratis personnel will be contributed.

Subprogramme 1
Policy coordination and inter-agency cooperation

Table 7.9 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	11 257.8	9 774.3	523.8	5.3	10 298.1	664.4	10 962.5
Consultants and experts	66.9	132.8	10.7	8.0	143.5	8.4	151.9
Travel	454.2	275.0	(19.5)	(7.0)	255.5	15.4	270.9
Contractual services	68.7	69.6	(49.5)	(71.1)	20.1	1.2	21.3
Grants and contributions	101.1	80.9	—	—	80.9	—	80.9
Total	**11 948.7**	**10 332.6**	**465.5**	**4.5**	**10 798.1**	**689.4**	**11 487.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	
—		(b) Substantive activities	
		United Nations Trust Fund for Case-Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities for Development of the	
148.0	357.0	United Nations System	245.0
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
148.0	**357.0**		**245.0**
12 096.7	**10 689.6**		**11 732.5**

Table 7.10 **Post requirements**

Subprogramme: Policy coordination and inter-agency cooperation

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	4	4	—	—	1	1	5	5
P-5	9	9	—	—	—	—	9	9
P-4/3	17	17	—	—	—	—	17	17
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**34**	**34**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**35**	**35**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
Other levels	25	22	—	—	—	—	25	22
Total	**26**	**24**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**26**	**24**
Grand total	**60**	**58**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**61**	**59**

7.37 This subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs.

7.38 Substantive support will be provided in particular to the high-level, coordination, operational activities and general segments of the Economic and Social Council, including the preparation of reports and the identification of themes, as well as the Council's subsidiary bodies, as required; to the General Assembly, especially the Second Committee; and to the Administrative Committee on Coordination and other inter-agency bodies. Promoting greater policy and programme coordination within the United Nations system will be an important aspect. Tasks will be undertaken in close cooperation and coordination with other programmes in the economic and social areas, as well as on the basis of inputs from the academic and research community, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to prepare relevant policy reports of the Secretary-General. The follow-up to an Agenda for Development and coordination of the implementation of declarations, strategies and programmes of action adopted by major United Nations conferences in the economic and social fields will be an essential component in order to achieve policy coherence and an integrated approach to the economic, social and environmental aspects of development. Support will continue to be provided for the expanding role of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the economic and social sectors.

7.39 Substantive support will be provided in respect of the Secretary-General's responsibility for preparing policy recommendations and evaluation reports on the reforms of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system. These reports are prepared within the parameters established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and in connection with the triennial comprehensive policy review in 1998 and its follow-up. They cover the governance of operational activities; funding and resources for development; the functioning of the resident coordinator system; programming and implementation modalities; monitoring and evaluation; and the harmonization of administrative activities and of rules and procedures. They also involve identifying effective responses to the changing requirements of recipient countries.

7.40 Technical secretariat servicing support will be provided for the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and most of its subsidiary bodies, and ad hoc bodies and special conferences dealing with economic, social and related matters. The Division will plan, forecast

and monitor documentation in the economic, social and related fields and inform departments and offices of relevant developments at the intergovernmental level and coordinate its work with other concerned Secretariat entities in scheduling meetings and preparing and managing the calendar of conferences in the economic, social and related fields. The Division will be responsible for editing documentation prepared by the Economic and Social Council and most of its subsidiary bodies, the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly and the ad hoc committees of the Assembly concerned with economic and social matters.

Activities

7.41 During the biennium 1998-1999, the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) *General Assembly*

a. *Parliamentary documentation:*

i. Thirty reports on follow-up to an Agenda for Development (two); follow-up on the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership (two); policy issues to be determined by the General Assembly (two); progress in the implementation of the Declaration on International Cooperation and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; Administrative Committee on Coordination comments on Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports dealing with system wide and/or inter-agency issues (two); implementation of recommendations of JIU reports (two); culture and development; communication for development programmes; inter-agency issues in the economic and social fields (two); products harmful to health and the environment (two); restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (two); comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development containing policy recommendations; issues to be determined by the executive boards of United Nations funds and programmes, including their overall financial picture as called for by the General Assembly in its resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996 (two); comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development (two); system-wide evaluation of the impact of components of operational activities; resources and related issues (two); issues arising from General Assembly resolutions on operational activities for development; actions taken by the Second and Third Committees on their agenda items (two);

ii. Eight notes on the programmes of work (four) and status of documentation (four) to the Second and Third Committees;

b. *Substantive servicing.* Forty plenary meetings and 30 informal consultations of the Second Committee; 4 meetings of the United Nations Pledging Conference; and 40 meetings of General Assembly working groups;

c. *Technical servicing.* Eighty plenary meetings and 40 informal consultations of the Second Committee; 100 plenary meetings and 6 informal consultations of the Third Committee; and 40 meetings of General Assembly working groups;

(ii) *Economic and Social Council*

a. *Parliamentary documentation:*

i. Twenty-five reports on issues to be determined by the Economic and Social Council for submission to the high-level segment (two) and to the coordination segment (two); follow-up of the 1997 and 1998 coordination segments for submission to the general segments in 1998 and 1999, respectively (two); consolidating issues for consideration and action by the Council in its general segment (two); work of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired

Immunodeficiency Syndrome on progress made in the fight against HIV/AIDS; overview Reports of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (two); report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on programmes and resources of the United Nations system for the biennium 1998-1999; consumer protection; progress made by the United Nations system focal point in the implementation of multisectoral collaboration on tobacco and health; work of the Committee on non-governmental organizations (two); annual consultations pursuant to paragraph 61 (a) of Council resolution 1996/31 (two); non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council (two); progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution emerging from the triennial policy review of operational activities for development by the General Assembly (two); study on the main theme to be identified by the Assembly at its fifty-third session on triennial policy review; reports of the Council to the Assembly (two);

ii. Two notes each on programme of work, status of documentation and annotated agendas;

iii. Draft biennial calendar of meetings and conferences in the economic, social and related fields (two);

b. *Substantive servicing*. Ten meetings of organizational sessions; 80 of substantive sessions; 40 of informal consultations; and 40 of working groups;

c. *Technical servicing*. Ten meetings of organizational sessions; 120 of substantive sessions; 60 of informal consultations; and 40 of working groups;

(iii) *Subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council*

a. *Technical servicing*. Commission on Sustainable Development (120 meetings); Commission on the Status of Women (40 meetings); Commission on Population and Development (20 meetings); Commission for Social Development (32 meetings); Statistical Commission (10 meetings); Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (40 meetings); Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development (20 meetings); and Committee on Natural Resources (16 meetings);

b. *Parliamentary documentation*. Programme of work; status of documentation; annotated agenda; and final report for each session of the above-mentioned subsidiary bodies;

(iv) *Committee for Programme and Coordination*

a. *Parliamentary documentation*. Two Annual Overview Reports of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

b. *Substantive servicing*. Eight meetings;

(v) *Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*

a. *Parliamentary documentation*. Thirteen reports on new applications for consultative status received from NGOs (two); requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council (two); deferred requests for consultative status (two); deferred requests for reclassification (two); quadrennial reports on the activities of non-governmental organizations in consultative status (general and special category) with the Council; forthcoming issues at substantive sessions of the Council (two); requests by non-governmental organizations to be heard by the Council at its substantive sessions (two);

b. *Substantive servicing*. Forty meetings of the Committee; six of the annual consultations between the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status prior to sessions of the Council, pursuant to paragraph 61 (a) of Council resolution 1996/31;

(vi) One ad hoc expert group meeting on the extension of the guidelines for consumer protection (Council resolution 1995/53 of 28 July 1995);

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) *Recurrent publications.* Six recurrent publications: *Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale have been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments* (two); Inter-regional Seminar on Consumer Protection: Extension of the guidelines for consumer protection; calendar of meetings open to the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (two); directory of senior officials of the United Nations system of organizations (two);

(ii) *Technical material.* Update and maintain the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs Internet homepage;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) *Substantive and technical servicing.* Eight meetings of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and 48 of its Organizational Committee; 40 meetings of the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions of the Administrative Committee on Coordination; 16 of the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions Working Group on resident coordinator system; and 20 of the Joint Consultative Group on Policies, including its high-level sessions and its subgroups on: harmonization of programming policies and procedures; harmonization at a country level; common premises and services; and personnel and training;

(ii) *Focal point responsibilities.* World Decade for Cultural Development; years and anniversaries; focal point on WFP; hunger, food security and nutrition; HIV/AIDS; intergovernmental organizations in the economic and social fields; malaria and diarrhoeal diseases; tobacco and health; and OECD Committee on the Macrothesaurus;

(iii) *External relations with intergovernmental and regional organizations.* Liaison, as required, with the 1,700 nongovernmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and assistance in the coordination of their activities, acting as focal point for the nongovernmental organizations in their relations with intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat; collaboration with OECD in the maintenance of the Macrothesaurus for Information Processing in the field of economic and social development; and representation of the United Nations system in the joint United Nations/OECD Macrothesaurus advisory and technical committees; cooperation and liaison, as required, with OAU, OAS, LAS, OECD and EU on issues of economic and social development; contribution to activities in the field of food and nutrition, and liaison with WFP in relation to food issues; and cooperation with intergovernmental, non-governmental and regional organizations such as Consumers International, the International Organization for Standardization, the International Cooperative Alliance and others on issues in the economic and social fields, including the issue of consumer protection.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7.42 The staffing requirements for this subprogramme would cover the posts indicated in table 7.10 above, namely 1 D-2, 4 D-1, 9 P-5, 17 P-4/3, 3 P-2/1 and 24 General Service posts. It is proposed to redeploy one General Service (Other level) post from this subprogramme to Subprogramme 2, Advancement of women, in exchange for one General Service (Principal level) post to carry out functions classified at that level as a result of increased responsibilities related to the servicing of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its Organizational Committee. The abolition of two General Service posts is also proposed in the light of realignment of duties.

Consultants and experts

7.43 A provision of $143,500 is required to cover: (a) specialized consultancy services and expertise not available in the Department for activities related to consumer protection, and for topics in the context of system-wide activities and other themes related to operational activities for development ($112,000); and (b) requirements for the ad hoc expert meeting on the extension of the guidelines for consumer protection ($31,500).

Travel

7.44 A provision of $255,500 is required for travel of staff to inter-agency meetings and consultations with United Nations organs and institutions on issues related to the programme of work as well as for the substantive and technical servicing of meetings of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs held away from Headquarters and other relevant United Nations and United Nations system meetings.

Contractual services

7.45 Estimated requirements in the amount of $20,100 are requested to cover the cost of the issuance of publications related to the Division's programme of work.

Grants and contributions

7.46 The amount of $80,900 represents the contribution to the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Nutrition under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 2107 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977. The costs of the Subcommittee's operation are shared among its member organizations and the Department would participate in those costs on behalf of the United Nations.

Subprogramme 2
Advancement of women

Table 7.11 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 778.1	3 948.8	1 118.9	28.3	5 067.7	343.9	5 411.6
Consultants and experts	97.9	191.5	51.6	26.9	243.1	14.6	257.7
Travel	97.9	128.5	27.9	21.7	156.4	9.2	165.6
Contractual services	16.3	30.1	8.0	26.5	38.1	2.2	40.3
Hospitality	—	—	3.0	—	3.0	0.2	3.2
Total	**2 990.2**	**4 298.9**	**1 209.4**	**28.1**	**5 508.3**	**370.1**	**5 878.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			(a) Services in support of:	
	—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
	—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
			(b) Substantive activities	
			Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action	550.0
	4 377.9	946.5	(c) Operational projects	
Total	**4 377.9**	**946.5**		**550.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**7 368.1**	**5 245.4**		**6 428.4**

Table 7.12 **Post requirements**

Programme: Advancement of women

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
ASG	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
D-2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	1	2	3
P-5	3	4	—	—	—	—	3	4
P-4/3	6	7	—	—	1	1	7	8
P-2/1	4	4	—	—	1	1	5	5
Total	**16**	**18**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**3**	**18**	**21**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Other levels	8	10	—	—	2	2	10	12
Total	**9**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**3**	**11**	**13**
Grand total	**25**	**28**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**6**	**29**	**34**

7.47 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for the Advancement of Women, which is headed by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

7.48 The activities will aim at achieving effective support for the implementation of actions contained in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/203 of 22 December 1995 and 51/69 of 12 December 1996, and of related recommendations of other global conferences.

7.49 During the biennium, the focus will be also on improving service to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which from 1997 onwards will hold two regular annual sessions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/68 of 12 December 1996, and continue to improve the monitoring of the extent of women's enjoyment of their human rights and whether violations of those rights are dealt with by all human rights mechanisms.

7.50 Documentation and substantive services will be provided to the Commission on the Status of Women, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly according to the long-term programme of work of the Commission. The main analytical and research focus for the biennium will be the production of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* (1999) and the initiation of the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1999) and that of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women (1998).

7.51 During the biennium, the Division will implement new working methods, including devoting more resources to interaction with the Commission's bureau and to the interactive dialogues between experts, Governments and other representatives both within and outside the United Nations system in order to assist the Commission to meet its mandate more effectively. Another significant change concerns the mainstreaming of gender issues, which will be promoted within relevant intergovernmental forums and policies and programmes of the organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and Member States. Services will be provided to the newly created standing committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality, which meets annually. The system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women has given more leverage to comprehensive and integrated mainstreaming, and has created more concrete opportunities for partnership within the United Nations system. Linkages and partnerships with a network of non-governmental organizations and substantive support to non-governmental organization meetings will be enhanced and strengthened. A system of information with Governments and specialized constituencies related to the Platform for Action will be designed and maintained through various outreach activities, including especially the maintenance and expansion of an Internet space where information can be exchanged.

7.52 As part of the consolidation of related activities under the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the focal point for women, placed under the supervision of the Special Adviser, will be responsible for: (a) monitoring progress on the strategic plan of action for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (1995-2000); (b) providing secretariat services to the Steering Committee for the Improvement of the Status of Women in the Secretariat; and (c) preparation of reports to the General Assembly and the Commission on the Status of Women and studies on issues related to women in the Secretariat.

Activities

7.53 During the biennium 1998-1999, the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) *General Assembly*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Eleven reports on work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its seventeenth to twentieth sessions (two); status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (two); effective mobilization for women in development; situation of women in rural areas; *1999 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*; Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including mainstreaming of a gender perspective, in particular in United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies and subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and on means of implementation (two); and improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (two);

b. *Substantive servicing.* Twelve plenary meetings of the General Assembly; and 10 of informal consultations on draft resolutions;

(ii) *Economic and Social Council*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Five reports on implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including mainstreaming of a gender perspective, in particular in subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and United Nations entities whose work is coordinated by the Council, such as regional commissions, funds and programmes

(two); mid-term review of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women; operational activities related to gender (submitted to the operational activities segment); and advancement of women and implementation of the Platform for Action (submitted to the high-level segment);

b. *Substantive servicing*. Twelve meetings of the high-level segment, operational activities segment and general segment of Council sessions on items related to the advancement of women; and 10 informal consultations on draft resolutions/agreed conclusions;

(iii) *Commission on the Status of Women*

a. *Parliamentary documentation*

i. Seventeen reports on implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including mainstreaming of a gender perspective (covering in particular the work of the Division, national level activities and non-governmental organizations activities as well as reports in accordance with other resolutions, such as on Palestinian women, women taken hostages and joint work-plan with the Centre for Human Rights) (two); list of confidential communications (two) and non-confidential communications (two) relating to the status of women; thematic issues before the Commission in accordance with the multi-year work programme (two) such as: violence against women, women and armed conflict, human rights of women, girl child, women and health and institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women; emerging trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men, determined by the Commission or its bureau at the preceding sessions (two); synthesized report on the implementation plans of Governments and the United Nations system; annotated comparisons on an optional protocol to the Convention (two); preparation of the comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action; and mid-term review of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women; update on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (two);

ii. Conference room papers to support the mainstreaming of the human rights of women in general human rights activities;

iii. Conference room papers on issues related to the report of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women;

iv. Conference room papers on results of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (two);

v. Conference room papers and background material to the informal consultations of the Chairperson of the Commission with interested parties;

vi. Background papers on expert groups meetings organized by the Division in preparation of the critical areas of concern;

vii. Background materials and papers to monitor progress made in implementation of the strategic plan of action for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (1995-2000);

b. *Substantive servicing*. Eighty meetings (plenary and optional protocol working group meetings); 10 meetings of informal consultations on draft resolutions/agreed conclusions; and 16 meetings of informal consultations of the Chairperson of the Commission with interested parties;

(iv) *Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women*

a. *Parliamentary documentation*. Fifty-eight reports on analysis of initial and periodic reports (40) by States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to assist the Committee in its consideration of those reports; identification of trends in implementation of specific articles of the Convention to be decided on by the Committee (two); ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (four);

conference room papers on the report of the pre-session working group (four); and issues to be determined by the Committee (eight);

b. *Substantive and technical servicing*. Forty meetings of pre-session working groups; 80 meetings of Committee and 40 meetings of in-session working groups; and two meetings for briefing new members;

(v) *Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women*

a. *Parliamentary documentation*. Three reports on declarations, reservations, objections and notifications of withdrawal of reservations related to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; list of candidates for the election of 11 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; and report of the meeting;

b. *Substantive and technical servicing*. Four meetings;

(vi) *Ad hoc expert group meetings*. Four ad hoc expert group meetings on women and health; comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action; *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*; and emerging issues for the period 2001-2005;

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) *Recurrent publications*. Directory of National Machinery for the Advancement of Women; Women 2000 (four issues); and NETWORK (quarterly newsletter);

(ii) Briefings for delegates and representatives of non-governmental organizations on relevant issues under consideration by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council; preparation of the Commission's meetings; policies and strategies to meet the target of 50 per cent women in posts in the Professional category and above overall and at the policy and decision-making levels; briefings of the working group on the elaboration of the draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

(iii) *Technical material*. Update of database on women in decision-making positions in Governments, international intergovernmental organizations, bodies and negotiating entities, and on women in electoral processes worldwide; directory of focal points within the United Nations system on questions relating to women; and further development, design, maintenance and management of WomenWatch (Internet homepage);

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

Substantive and technical servicing of the annual Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality meetings and servicing of informal inter-sessional meetings, including preparation of conference room and background papers and the reports on the annual sessions; development of procedures and guidelines for mainstreaming and coordination, in cooperation with relevant departments/offices of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system; substantive support to the Office of Human Resources Management on the development of guidelines on gender training, and on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the policies and programmes of the organizations of the United Nations system; development of training modules and participation in training related to the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; follow-up to recent United Nations conferences and thematic years (background papers and participation in special events); and external relations with a network of non-governmental organizations and organizations of civil society, and substantive support to non-governmental organization meetings (background papers; participation in special events; and continuous updating and maintenance of departmental database on non-governmental organizations).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7.54 The provisions under this heading relate to the costs of the posts in table 7.12. The staffing table reflects the following proposals: (a) redeployment: (i) one D-2 post to section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, in exchange for an Assistant Secretary-General post for the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women; (ii) one General Service (Principal level) post to subprogramme 1, Policy coordination and inter-agency cooperation, in exchange of one General Service (Other level) post; and (b) in order to strengthen her office, the establishment of: (i) one P-5 post that would provide executive assistance in all aspects of the Assistant Secretary-General's mandate; (ii) one P-4 post whose functions would focus on research, particularly on strategies to improve the status of women; and (iii) one General Service (Other level) post to assist the Assistant Secretary-General.

Consultants and experts

7.55 The proposed provision of $243,100 relates to (a) outside expertise not available in the Department for the preparation of material on specific themes, including aspects of mainstreaming a gender perspective in the United Nations system, response to situations of armed conflict or emergency, conditions of service and family/work responsibilities, which would include a comparative study on family friendly environment and working conditions in other organizations, and preparation of working papers, to be submitted to the intergovernmental bodies ($126,500); and (b) to the requirements for the four ad hoc expert groups listed above ($116,600). The increase of $51,600 is mainly due to the additional requirements for consultants as a result of the consolidation under this subprogramme of all activities related to the advancement of women.

Travel

7.56 The estimated requirements of $156,400 would cover the costs of travel undertaken by the Assistant Secretary-General, including missions on behalf of the Secretary-General, or her representatives to United Nations offices away from Headquarters, in particular the regional commissions, and meetings of organizations involved in women's rights, as well as travel of the staff of the Division for activities related to the programme of work, including the attendance at meetings of intergovernmental bodies. The increase of $27,900 is due to the additional requirements of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

Contractual services

7.57 The provision of $38,100 relates to the productions of publications highlighting the work of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and other publications, such as the quarterly newsletter and brochure outlining the goals and objectives of the United Nations for gender equality.

Hospitality

7.58 A provision of $3,000 is proposed for official functions to be hosted by the Assistant Secretary-General on the occasion of special events such as the meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

Subprogramme 3
Social development

Table 7.13 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 060.5	6 291.4	329.5	5.2	6 620.9	432.3	7 053.2
Other staff costs	—	112.2	—	—	112.2	6.7	118.9
Consultants and experts	64.9	185.4	—	—	185.4	12.9	198.3
Travel	54.1	82.7	—	—	82.7	5.9	88.6
Contractual services	75.9	56.2	—	—	56.2	3.4	59.6
Hospitality	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grants and contributions	55.4	45.3	10.1	22.2	55.4	—	55.4
Total	**6 311.0**	**6 773.2**	**339.6**	**5.0**	**7 112.8**	**461.2**	**7 574.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
674.6	959.8	United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability	840.4
607.3	230.0	United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities	152.0
20.0	116.3	United Nations Youth Fund	122.1
113.5	60.9	Trust Fund for the Ageing	80.0
1 339.5	236.0	Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development	105.0
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
2 754.9	**1 603.0**	**Total**	**1 299.0**
9 065.9	**8 376.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**8 873.5**

Table 7.14 **Post requirements**

Programme: Social development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
ASG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	12	12	—	—	—	—	12	12
P-2/1	6	6	—	—	1	2	7	8
Total	**24**	**24**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**2**	**25**	**26**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	14	13	—	—	—	—	14	13
Total	**15**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**14**
Grand total	**39**	**38**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**2**	**40**	**40**

7.59 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Social Policy and Development. The objective of the subprogramme is the further implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/161 of 22 December 1995, and other relevant international instruments, such as the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, the International Plan of Action on Ageing, and the United Nations Principles for Older Persons.

7.60 During the biennium major focus will be on strengthening and improving substantive services for the annualized sessions of the expanded Commission for Social Development so that it can carry out efficiently and effectively its new responsibilities for follow-up to and review of implementation of the Copenhagen Programme of Action, with emphasis on the preparation of the priority themes, "social integration and participation" (1998) and "social services for all" (1999).

7.61 Documentation, information and substantive services will be provided to the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly in accordance with the multi-year programme of work of the Commission (1997-2000). The Division will organize and conduct global comparative surveys with reference to three clusters: social policies and planning, including reviews of development from the social perspective; social institutions and participation, including reviews of issues and trends related to family-supportive strategies and policies and to the cooperative movement; and social integration, including monitoring reports on implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth and the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. Special attention will be accorded to effective preparation and broad-based observation in 1999 of the International Year of Older Persons, including substantive servicing as appropriate of the ad hoc support group established to assist the Commission in the observation of the Year. As the global focal point the Division will promote and support the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), with emphasis on its social objectives.

7.62 The social perspective on development will be promoted in competent intergovernmental forums and through dialogue and cooperation with concerned members of the United Nations system with reference to socially sensitive policy design, programme implementation and evaluation. Substantive input will be

provided on request to Governments on socially sensitive policy design and evaluation and social integration, including support from general trust funds in the field of social development, to build capacities of specific population groups — older persons, youth, persons with disabilities — for development participation. Information and outreach among specialised constituencies will be strengthened. Maximum effective use will be made of appropriate information and communications technologies so as better to enable interested constituencies to remain informed, to engage in dialogue and to build networks among interested communities on selected issues and trends in the social field. Substantive services will be provided to ad hoc inter-agency meetings on priority social policy and development topics. Special attention will be directed to continuous improvements in supporting and developing specialized networks of non-governmental organizations in the social development field.

Activities

7.63 During the biennium 1998-1999, the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) *General Assembly*

a. *Parliamentary documentation*. Ten reports on follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (two); United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (two); guidelines in respect of cooperatives; follow-up to the International Year of the Family (two); follow-up to the World Programme of Action for Youth; International Year of Older Persons (two); and implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;

b. *Substantive servicing*. Thirty-two meetings of the General Assembly, including meetings of the Third Committee;

(ii) *Economic and Social Council*

Substantive servicing. Eight meetings;

(iii) *Commission for Social Development*

a. *Parliamentary documentation*. Eight reports on promoting social integration and participation of all people; social services for all; initiation of the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development; survey of national family policies; work of the ad hoc support group of the Commission on preparations for observation of the International Year of Older Persons (two); and follow-up to work of the Special Rapporteur on Disability (two);

b. *Substantive servicing*. Forty meetings (including eight of working groups); four inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau; and six meetings of the ad hoc open-ended support group of the Commission on preparations for observation of the International Year of Older Persons;

c. *Ad hoc expert groups*. Eight ad hoc expert groups on promoting social integration and participation of all people; social services for all ages; initiation of the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development; legislative and administrative initiatives in support of cooperatives and development; monitoring of poverty-eradication strategies (General Assembly resolutions 50/107 of 20 December 1995 and 51/178 of 16 December 1996) (two); national capacity-building regarding family-sensitive policies and development (General Assembly resolution 50/142 of 21 December 1995); and family-supportive approaches to development;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) *Recurrent publications*. Thirty-two recurrent publications, as follows: social policy and social progress (four), bulletin on eradication of poverty (two); United Nations youth information bulletin (six); disabled persons bulletin (six); bulletin on ageing (six); "Countdown to 1999" (six); and directory of bodies and organizations concerned with social policies and development (two);

(ii) *Non-recurrent publications*. Seven non-recurrent publications on social policy options for social integration and development; capacity-building for institutional development and participation; national capacity-building for implementing family-sensitive policy case studies; selected country profiles of family-sensitive policies; world situation of youth; policy options for a society for all ages; and selected innovations and best practices in relation to the goals and objectives of the International Year of Older Persons;

(iii) *Technical Material*. Periodic updates of: database of specialized constituencies (governmental and non-governmental) concerned with social policies and development, including interested non-governmental committees; and the "social perspective on development home page" on the Internet World-Wide Web with respect to substantive content, development of external linkages, and expanded mail-server capacities;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

(i) Ongoing consultations with Governments, United Nations system agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on follow-up related to social objectives of recent United Nations conferences and thematic years;

(ii) Conference of Ministers responsible for youth issues (General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995): report of the conference, to be submitted to the Commission for Social Development; five background documents to the conference on national youth and international cooperation, youth participation, education, health and employment; and substantive and technical servicing of 10 meetings;

(iii) Interregional meeting on policies to promote a society for all ages (General Assembly resolution 50/141): report of the meeting; and background document on "Society for all ages: concept, principles and policy options";

(iv) Substantive and technical servicing of inter-agency consultations regarding the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (annual) and of the ad hoc inter-agency meetings on youth, ageing and disabled persons (annual);

(v) Substantive participation at annual meetings of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives;

(vi) Support and promotion of networks among non-governmental organization committees and caucuses related to follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development; the United Nations Decade for Eradication of Poverty; older persons, including observation of the International Year of Older Persons; youth; family; and disabled persons;

(vii) Support for and preparation of information materials for observance of international days for poverty eradication (17 October), cooperatives (first Saturday of July), families (15 May), older persons (1 October) and disabled persons (3 December);

(viii) Promotion and development of networks with research and academic centres and institutions;

(d) *Advisory services (XB)*

Substantive support, on request, to initiatives of Governments to implement further international instruments related to social policies and planning, social institutions and participation and social integration, including substantive support of activities financed by general trust funds in the social development field, such as activities of the Special Rapporteur on Disability and their follow-up.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7.64 The resources requested would cover the cost of posts indicated in table 7.14 above. It is proposed to abolish one General Service (Other level) post that became redundant as a result of a review and redistribution of the functions of the support staff.

Other staff costs

7.65 A provision of $112,200 would be required for general temporary assistance to supplement the permanent capacity of the Division to prepare for observation of the United Nations International Year of Older Persons in 1999, with special reference to design, analysis and evaluation of socially sensitive strategic options in support of the year's theme of promoting "a society for all ages".

Consultants and experts

7.66 The proposed requirements of $185,400 relate to specialized consultancy services for preparation of technical material on priority issues related to social policies and planning, social integration and participation and social integration ($66,700); as well as $118,700 for the eight ad hoc expert groups meetings under the programme of work.

Travel

7.67 A provision of $82,700 would be required for travel of staff of the Division to attend meetings of the Economic and Social Council at Geneva and meetings of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, as well as other meetings, and missions of consultations in the context of the programme of work of the Division.

Contractual services

7.68 The estimated requirements of $56,200 would cover the costs of issuance of bulletins and other publications related to the Division's programme of work.

Grants and contributions

7.69 The estimated requirements of $55,400 relate to the United Nations share of the costs of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 1688 (LII) of 2 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 39/236 of 18 December 1984.

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

Table 7.15 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 377.9	7 732.2	689.0	8.9	8 421.2	545.3	8 966.5
Other staff costs	206.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	89.1	439.0	(36.9)	(8.4)	402.1	24.2	426.3
Travel	205.7	161.0	(20.1)	(12.4)	140.9	8.4	149.3
Contractual services	0.2	29.5	(29.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**6 879.7**	**8 361.7**	**602.5**	**7.2**	**8 964.2**	**577.9**	**9 542.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Support of the Work of the Commission on Sustainable	
1 289.7	3 925.6	Development	2 135.0
		(c) Operational projects	
498.5	229.5	UNFPA	—
1 788.2	**4 155.1**	**Total**	**2 135.0**
8 667.9	**12 516.8**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**11 677.1**

Table 7.16 **Post requirements**[a]

Programme: Sustainable development

Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above							
D-2 1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1 4	4	—	—	1	1	5	5
P-5 9	9	—	—	2	2	11	11
P-4/3 11	11	—	—	1	1	12	12
P-2/1 2	2	—	—	9	8	11	10
Total 27	**27**	**—**	**—**	**13**	**12**	**40**	**39**
General Service category							
Principal level 2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other levels 16	17	—	—	2	2	18	19
Total 18	**19**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**20**	**21**
Grand total 45	**46**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**14**	**60**	**60**

[a] In addition, two gratis personnel on non-reimbursable loan have been contributed at the following levels for the biennium 1996-1997: one P-5 and one P-4/3. It is anticipated that in the biennium 1998-1999, the same number and grade of gratis personnel will be contributed.

7.70 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Division for Sustainable Development. The programme of work may be modified as a result of the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly (23-27 June 1997), which will carry out a comprehensive review of progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Subject to the outcome of the special session, the subprogramme will aim at achieving effective and coordinated support for the implementation of Agenda 21 and other outcomes of the Conference, the Barbados Programme of Action on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, decisions and work programmes adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development and other intergovernmental mandates relevant to sustainable development.

7.71 During the biennium the focus will be on enhancing substantive servicing of the Commission on Sustainable Development through preparation of analytical studies and reports assessing progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 at the international and national levels, including at the level of major

groups, formulation of policy proposals on sustainable development issues for consideration by the Commission and other relevant intergovernmental and expert bodies, and supporting consensus-building on sustainable development in the Commission and other relevant intergovernmental bodies.

7.72 Documentation and substantive services will be provided to the Commission on Sustainable Development and its subsidiary bodies, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources (in relation to freshwater), the Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development and the Committee on Development Planning. Activities will continue to be aimed at developing a comprehensive framework to integrate better the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development. In that context, emphasis will be placed on the integration of relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral components of Agenda 21 and on the incorporation in that framework of the relevant results of other major United Nations conferences held in the recent years.

7.73 The Division will carry out substantive work related to the implementation of decisions and programmes of work adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development in such areas as financial resources and mechanisms, changing production and consumption patterns, transfer of environmentally sound technology and indicators of sustainable development, as well as in other areas that may emanate from the decisions of the General Assembly at its special session. The Secretariat will also continue to serve as a custodian of data provided by Member States in their national reports. Services will be provided to facilitate access of Governments, international organizations and non-State actors to information, including in electronic form, related to follow-up to the Conference, implementation of Agenda 21 and to other activities carried out under the subprogramme.

7.74 Further emphasis will be given to the strengthening of coordinated approaches towards sustainable development among the organizations of the United Nations system through the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development and its system of task managers with a view to further integrating the concept of sustainable development in United Nations system-wide activities, formulating collective policy proposals and recommendations for action on key sustainable development issues, and effective monitoring of the implementation of Agenda 21 by all relevant organizations.

7.75 Work will also be carried out with a view to promoting a dialogue and strengthening the partnerships for sustainable development with the major groups, including business and industry, scientific community and non-governmental organizations.

Activities

7.76 During the biennium 1998-1999, the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) *General Assembly*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Three reports on: Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (General Assembly resolution 51/183); Vulnerability index for small island developing States; five-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action on Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States;

b. *Substantive servicing.* Thirty-six meetings of the Second Committee, including 20 for informal consultations;

(ii) *Economic and Social Council*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Five reports on the third session of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development; the fourth session of the Committee on Natural Resources; coordination of science and technology for development; and the work of the Committee on Development Planning (two);

b. *Substantive servicing.* Eight meetings of the Council; and 24 meetings of informal consultations;

(iii) *Commission on Sustainable Development and its Bureau and subsidiary bodies*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Subject to the outcome of the special session, it is estimated that 34 reports will be prepared on issues to be included in the Commission's work programme (10); implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (15); assessment of national implementation of Agenda 21 with graphical annexes (2); streamlining of the national reporting process (2); provision of common access to United Nations system information on sustainable development; work of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development (4). In addition, 50 background papers will be submitted to the Commission and 10 background papers to the Bureau;

b. *Substantive servicing.* Forty meetings of the Commission, and 32 in-session drafting group meetings; 40 meetings of the inter-sessional subsidiary bodies; 20 meetings of the Commission's Bureau; and informal consultations;

(iv) *Committee on Natural Resources*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Three reports on activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of water resources, and inter-agency coordination; follow-up to the comprehensive assessment of the freshwater resources of the world; and issues related to the spatial planning of land and water resources;

b. *Substantive servicing.* Four meetings of the Committee; three meetings of the Working Group on Water Resources; and three meetings of informal consultations;

(v) *Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Six reports on follow-up to the decisions/recommendations of the Committee at its previous session; environmentally sound and efficient technologies; renewable sources of energy, including biomass, ethanol and wind energy; development and implementation of rural energy polices; energy and transportation; and coordination of activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of energy;

b. *Substantive servicing.* Sixteen meetings of the Committee; and 4 informal consultations meetings;

(vi) *Committee on Development Planning*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Ten reports on thematic issues submitted to the working groups of the Committee (five); and the outcome of the working groups of the Committee (five);

b. *Substantive servicing.* Twenty meetings of the Committee; and 30 meetings of the working groups;

(vii) *High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development*

a. *Parliamentary documentation.* Four reports;

b. *Substantive servicing.* Twelve meetings;

(viii) *Ad hoc expert groups.* Thirty-seven ad hoc expert groups on Changing consumption and production patterns; evaluation of the testing phase of indicators of sustainable development (two); priority issues for small island developing States; financial issues of Agenda 21 (two); the Global Modelling Forum (two); development of sustainable energy problems in developing countries; challenges and barriers in achieving energy and material efficiency; data-gathering and processing needs for updating future comprehensive assessments of the freshwater resources of the world; implementation of national strategies (two); strengthening regional cooperation and coordination in implementing Agenda 21 (four); phase III on indicators of sustainable development (two); implementation of the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development; strengthening the technology triangle at the local level; technological transformation for sustainable production (four); university/industry partnerships

(eight); major group concept; participation and role of the private sector in sustainable development; and information on sustainable development for decision-making (two);

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) *Analysis of national information and preparation of country profiles*. Two questionnaires for Governments for submission of voluntary national information on their activities to implement Agenda 21; two sets of country profiles based on individual national reports;

(ii) *Recurrent publications*. Eighteen recurrent publications as follows: *CSD Update* (12); indicators of sustainable development: framework and methodologies; sustainable development series: thematic papers on sustainable development issues; financial issues of Agenda 21 (two); Work of the Committee on Development Planning (two);

(iii) *Non-recurrent publications*. Six non-recurrent publications on. principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development; role of universities in the technological triangle; and brief series on the results of regional round tables (four);

(iv) *Technical material*. Development, maintenance and updating of the databases on sustainable development home page (virtual country profiles); Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development home page; directory of national sustainable development focal points; network on focal points, for indicators of sustainable development; small island developing States; policy instruments for changing production/consumption patterns; water resources, concerning global quantity, quality and management issues; and information of activities of organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations and non-governmental organizations in the field of energy and water resources;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) *Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development and its task managers system*

a. *Documentation*. Twenty background papers for the Committee (10) and the meetings of the task managers (10); and eight reports submitted to the ACC on meetings of the Committee (four) and meetings of the task managers (four);

b. *Substantive servicing*. Twelve meetings of the Committee and eight meetings of the task managers system;

(ii) *Steering Committee for Water Supply and Sanitation and the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Water Resources*

a. *Documentation*. Four reports and background papers;

b. *Substantive servicing*. Twenty meetings;

(iii) *External relations and outreach, including with non-governmental organizations*. Participation and substantive support in various intergovernmental, inter-agency, expert and major groups meetings which are directly related to or are organized in support of the Commission on Sustainable Development work programme; special events (during the sessions of the Commission) such as: support to youth activities (regional consultations with youth, youth indicators and networking); and observation of special days, e.g., of indigenous people, farmers, women and scientific/technological Communities.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7.77 The staff resources required for the implementation of activities under this subprogramme will comprise 1 D-2, 4 D-1, 9 P-5, 11 P-4/3, 2 P-2/1 and 19 General Service posts. It is proposed to redeploy one General Service post from subprogramme 5, Combating desertification, particularly in Africa, to support the unit on sustainable development outposted to Geneva established in accordance with paragraph 32(c) of General Assembly resolution 47/191.

Consultants and experts

7.78 A provision of $402,100 would be required for (a) specialized expertise for analysis of national information and other issues under the programme of work ($224,300); and (b) six ad hoc expert groups, one on changing consumption and production patterns; two on evaluation of the testing phase of indicators of sustainable development; two on priority issues for small island developing States; and implementation of national strategies ($177,800).

Travel

7.79 The requirements of $140,900 relate to the costs of travel of staff for consultations on the preparation of reports and publications and for participation, including provisions of substantive secretariat support, in intergovernmental, inter-agency and expert meetings related to the work programme of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the implementation of Agenda 21.

Subprogramme 5
Combating desertification, particularly in Africa

Table 7.17 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 996.7	2 695.3	(1 343.7)	(49.8)	1 351.6	(38.4)	1 313.2
Other staff costs	4.5	10.7	(5.2)	(48.5)	5.5	(0.2)	5.3
Consultants and experts	686.1	518.2	(259.2)	(50.0)	259.0	(8.6)	250.4
Travel	385.6	288.7	(144.2)	(49.9)	144.5	(4.7)	139.8
General operating expenses	156.7	112.0	(47.9)	(42.7)	64.1	(2.3)	61.8
Hospitality	0.6	7.0	(3.5)	(50.0)	3.5	(0.2)	3.3
Supplies and materials	10.1	17.6	(8.7)	(49.4)	8.9	(0.2)	8.7
Furniture and equipment	38.2	9.8	(4.8)	(48.9)	5.0	(0.2)	4.8
Total	**4 278.5**	**3 659.3**	**(1 817.2)**	**(49.6)**	**1 842.1**	**(54.8)**	**1 787.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities:	
3 129.3	9 139.6	Trust Fund for Supporting the Negotiating Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	7 260.9
1 128.7	2 701.6	Special Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Affected by Desertification and Drought, in particular Least Developed Countries, to Participate in the Negotiation Process on the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought	597.0
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
4 258.0	**11 841.2**	**Total**	**7 857.9**
8 536.5	**15 500.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**9 645.2**

Table 7.18 Post requirements[a]

Programme: Combating desertification, particularly in Africa

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
D-1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
P-5	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
P-4/3	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**6**	—	—	—	—	—	**6**	—
General Service category								
Other levels	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
Total	**6**	—	—	—	—	—	**6**	—
Grand total	**12**	—	—	—	—	—	**12**	—

[a] Although staffing will be required for the first year of the biennium no established post requirements are indicated here as the existing posts will be discontinued during the course of the biennium 1998-1999.

7.80 The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from General Assembly resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992, whereby the Assembly initiated the intergovernmental process on the elaboration of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly Africa, and established the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee.

7.81 In June 1994, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee adopted the Convention, which entered into force on 26 December 1996, three months after it received 50 ratifications. The Convention established a Global Mechanism and a Committee on Science and Technology as a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. The Conference of the Parties is its supreme body, and has broad authority to make the decisions necessary to promote the effective implementation of the Convention. The Conference of the Parties has also the authority to appoint ad hoc panels and establish other subsidiary bodies as necessary. The first session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 29 September to 10 October 1997. At that session, the Conference of the Parties will designate a permanent secretariat and make arrangements for its functioning. The permanent secretariat will be responsible to the Conference of the Parties.

7.82 By its resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, subject to the decision of the Conference of the Parties, (a) to consider authorizing the secretariat established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/188 to act as secretariat for the transition period following the first session of the Conference of the Parties until the permanent secretariat designated by the Conference of the Parties began operating, which should not be later than 31 December 1998; and (b) to maintain the current programme budget for the interim secretariat and the arrangements relating to extrabudgetary resources until the permanent secretariat began operating, which should not be later than 31 December 1998.

7.83 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/180, the resources proposed below for the interim secretariat of the Convention represent the requirements for the activities to be undertaken in 1998 only. Any modification to this arrangement which might be recommended by the Conference of the Parties at its first session and endorsed by the Assembly at its fifty-second session would be reflected in revised estimates and/or a statement of programme budget implication to be submitted to the Assembly at that session.

7.84 In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, the principal goals of the permanent secretariat will be to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, notably by:

(a) Making effective arrangements for and providing services and documentation to sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;

(b) Compiling, analysing and transmitting in accordance with guidelines of the Conference of the Parties, reports submitted to it by parties and organizations;

(c) Facilitating the provision of assistance to affected developing country parties, on request, particularly those in Africa, in the compilation and communication of information required under the Convention;

(d) Deriving maximum benefit from the coordination of its activities with the secretariats of other relevant international bodies and conventions;

(e) Facilitating the organization and functioning of consultative processes at the national, subregional, and regional levels in various regions;

(f) Providing administrative support in close consultation with the central administrative services of the United Nations.

Activities

7.85 Subject to the decisions to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its first session, the following activities will be undertaken in 1998:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) *General Assembly*

a. *Substantive servicing*. Ten meetings and informal consultations of the Second Committee;

b. *Parliamentary documentation*. Report on the Convention (pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/180);

(ii) *Second session of the Conference of the Parties (1998)*

a. *Substantive servicing of meetings*. Ten meetings of the Conference of the Parties and 16 meetings of the subsidiary bodies and the working groups to be held in parallel with the Conference of the Parties; and 10 meetings each of the ad hoc panels on networking of institutions; benchmarks and indicators; and research priorities;

b. *Parliamentary documentation*. Provisional agendas for the second session of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies; directory of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation; and seven reports on the first session of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies; rules of procedure; report on measures to resolve questions on implementation; benchmarks and indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the Convention; organization of scientific and technological cooperation; networking of institutions and agencies; and global mechanism;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) *Recurrent publications*. Convention to Combat Desertification quarterly newsletter;

(ii) *Non-recurrent publications*. Two reports/framework papers on Convention-related activities in various regions;

(iii) *Public information activities*. Production of a video report on a topic related to desertification;

(iv) *Exhibits*. Picture exhibit on a desertification theme;

(v) *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits*. Booklets, fact sheets and leaflets on the Convention; simplified guide on the Convention: "Down to Earth"; posters and flyers; and other promotional items to be used at various meetings, in particular on the World Day to Combat Desertification;

(vi) *Press releases and conferences*. Press releases and press briefings during sessions of the Conference of the Parties and on the occasion of the World Day to Combat Desertification;

(vii) *Special events*. Youth event and round-table discussion on the occasion of the World Day to Combat Desertification;

(viii) *Technical material for outside users*. Development of an information database on parties to the Convention, including all organizations, participants and journalists who are actively involved in the promotion and implementation of the Convention; and a specialized reference unit on the Convention to house official documents and relevant reports and publications;

(c) *International Cooperation and Inter-Agency Coordination and Liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention and of its regional annexes on the role of the secretariat, assistance to, and participation in the activities of, national, regional, and interregional intergovernmental bodies outside of the United Nations system are envisaged in 1998 to facilitate the implementation of the Convention as follows:

a. *Africa*. Assistance in the preparation of regional and subregional national action programmes; substantive support to 10 workshops/seminars to enable the launching of consultative processes on the Convention; institutional support to strengthen the capacities of regional, subregional and national coordination bodies involved with the implementation of the Convention; substantive technical and financial assistance to develop ongoing pilot projects in Maghreb and Sahel border areas; substantive support to meetings of multidisciplinary scientific and technical consultative committees of the subregional organizations; and for the establishment of a desertification information system in the subregional organizations;

b. *Asia*. Substantive support to 13 national awareness seminars; institutional support to strengthen the capacities of national coordination bodies involved with the implementation of the Convention; assistance in the elaboration of a subregional action programme as a follow-up to the Conference on the Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS); and substantive support to the subregional expert group for CIS countries; assistance in a project formulation as a follow-up to the subregional consultation for Western Asia; substantive support to the Asian national focal points meeting and to the regional expert group meeting on the regional action programme for Asia including the determination of thematic areas;

c. *Latin America and the Caribbean*. Substantive support to five national awareness workshops; workshops on the subregional action plan in the Chaco region (Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina), in the Caribbean and in Central America; fourth annual regional meeting on the Convention; regional symposium on drought; the establishment of a regional coordination unit on the Convention in Mexico; assistance to countries in the region on the preparation of their national action programmes; and assistance in launching campaigns in different countries in the region to ratify and implement the Convention;

d. *Northern Mediterranean*. Substantive support to one national awareness seminar; and assistance in promoting cooperation between countries of the region as well as in intensifying exchanges with neighbouring countries from the Maghreb, the Balkans and Eastern Europe;

(ii) *Facilitation of substantive support to interregional level processes*. Substantive support to the Africa/Latin America forum and to the Africa/Asia forum on the Convention;

(iii) *Participation in activities of non-governmental organizations*. Facilitation of national-level non-governmental organization activities relating to the Convention, including the implementation of pilot projects, and of exchange of non-governmental organization experiences and information;

(iv) *Participation in activities of programmes and agencies of the United Nations system*. Participation in meetings on other conventions, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity

and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and of United Nations agencies and programmes such as WMO, UNDP, UNESCO, FAO, IFAD, Commission on Sustainable Development, Global Environment Facility and UNEP; and the Inter-Agency Meeting to Coordinate Actions on the Convention.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

7.86 As indicated in paragraph 7.82 above, the provisions below reflect the requirements for 1998, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/180.

Posts

7.87 The provision under this heading would cover for the year 1998 only the staffing requirements consisting of one D-2, one D-1, one P-5, three P-4/3 and five General Service posts. As indicated in paragraph 7.77 above, it is proposed to redeploy one General Service post from this subprogramme to the unit on sustainable development outposted to Geneva.

Other staff costs

7.88 A provision of $5,500 is proposed to cover overtime during periods of peak workload and during the second session of the Conference of the Parties.

Consultants and experts

7.89 A provision of $259,000 is required to cover specialized services for the preparation of working papers on networking of institutions, benchmarks and indicators and research priorities; specialized documents required by the Conference of the Parties; preparation of national action programmes of the Latin America and Caribbean region; preparation of substantive document for the thematic areas of the regional action programme for Asia; development of subregional action programme's priority areas for countries in Eastern Africa.

Travel

7.90 The estimated requirements of $144,500 relate to travel of staff to provide substantive support to national, subregional and regional activities relating to the implementation of the Convention; to service the General Assembly and for consultations with Headquarters; consultative missions with government authorities, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations on issues of relevance to the Convention; and to participate in activities of specialized agencies and United Nations programmes concerned with issues relevant to the Convention.

General operating expenses

7.91 The provision of $64,100 relates to rental and maintenance of data-processing equipment ($7,800), communications ($50,200) and other miscellaneous services ($6,100).

Hospitality

7.92 The amount of $3,500 would cover the costs of official functions hosted by the head of the secretariat during the second session of the Conference of the Parties and meetings of its subsidiary bodies.

Supplies and materials

7.93 A provision of $8,900 would provide for supplies and materials such as stationery, photocopy papers and other miscellaneous supplies.

Furniture and equipment

7.94 The estimated requirements of $5,000 relate to the replacement and upgrade of standard software and equipment.

D. Programme support

Table 7.19 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	1 469.1	1 759.8	(68.7)	(3.9)	1 691.1	106.3	1 797.4
Other staff costs	327.3	229.0	27.5	12.0	256.5	15.2	271.7
General operating expenses	657.8	616.9	28.5	4.6	645.4	38.8	684.2
Hospitality	3.8	5.3	—	—	5.3	0.4	5.7
Supplies and materials	112.3	80.9	1.3	1.6	82.2	4.8	87.0
Furniture and equipment	154.1	289.1	(5.5)	(1.9)	283.6	16.8	300.4
Total	**2 724.4**	**2 981.0**	**(16.9)**	**(0.5)**	**2 964.1**	**182.3**	**3 146.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
217.8	706.4	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	650.6
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total	**217.8**	**706.4**	**650.6**
Total (1) and (2)	**2 942.2**	**3 687.4**	**3 797.0**

Table 7.20 Post requirements

Programme: Programme support

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other levels	10	7	—	—	1	1	11	8
Total	**12**	**9**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**13**	**10**
Grand total	**15**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**16**	**13**

7.95 The Executive Office provides support services for the whole Department as well as to the Regional Commissions New York Office and to INSTRAW.

7.96 The Office provides services for personnel, budgetary and financial matters and resource planning, as well as general administrative responsibilities, together with administrative support to policy-making organs and the intergovernmental process itself.

7.97 In addition, the Office represents the Department in administrative policy reviews and working groups.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

7.98 The staffing requirements are shown in table 7.20 above. In anticipation of increased enhancement resulting from technological innovations and the introduction of IMIS, it is proposed to abolish three General Service posts.

Other staff costs

7.99 A provision of $256,500 is proposed for general temporary assistance ($188,400) and overtime ($68,100) to meet the requirements of the Department during periods of peak workload, including the increased demands related to servicing of intergovernmental bodies, and for replacements of staff on sick or prolonged leave.

General operating expenses

7.100 The estimated requirements of $645,400 relate to maintenance of data-processing equipment, photocopy equipment and other office automation equipment ($335,200); communications, including international telecommunications, facsimile transmission, pouch and postage expenses ($259,700); and other miscellaneous services, including freight charges ($50,500).

Hospitality

7.101 The resources proposed ($5,300) relate to official functions on occasions of the meetings of intergovernmental bodies.

Supplies and materials

7.102 The estimated requirements of $82,200 would cover the costs of expendable office supplies and materials, including paper and stationery, and electronic data- and word-processing supplies for the Department as a whole.

Furniture and equipment

7.103 A provision of $283,600 would be required to cover the Department's requirements for the acquisition and replacement of standard equipment, including software, that would enable the Department to benefit from advances in information technology and services and participate in the integrated documentation information system for the processing and management of parliamentary documents.